

FIRE PANIC IN BRIDGE RUSH

CONGREGATING THOUSANDS SEE ELECTRIC BATTLE.

Four Men in a Tower Fight Might Current Run Wild While Flames Shoot Over Heads of Crowd. Troup Lashed Three Hours—Crash on Surface Cars.

Four men fought the pranks of electricity gone mad in the little hut of the switch tender that hangs like a swallow's nest over the network of tracks in the Brooklyn Bridge terminal of the Brooklyn elevated lines during the height of the rush hour after 5 o'clock last night. While they were trying to curb wild sheets of flame and balls of fire that jumped from a disordered switchboard clear through the roof of the bridge structure, the thousands jammed like sheep in a slaughter pen on the concourses below took fright and stampeded down the stairs to the open street levels below.

The four who thought they knew how to squelch several thousand volts of wicked fluid gone wrong were as helpless against the Roman candle display as if they had been cut out of cardboard, and it was not until all the delicate machinery of wire switch and feed current had been burned to a tangled mass of junk that the big vault of the terminal concourse ceased to be illuminated by the shooting tongues of flame. The result was a complex analysis of the Brooklyn elevated lines across the bridge during the latest moments of the rush hour, the swarming of belated thousands over every inch of surface car space and a solid stream of folk that moved like a trickle of molasses across the bridge footpath. This was a spectacular rush hour accident, not like the prosaic and common affair of a contact shoe misplaced and one thrown out of business. The tide of humanity, which was backed up across the square of City Hall as far as Broadway, heard the clang of the fire engine bells and saw flame and a solid column of smoke shooting through the glass roof of the terminal hall. It was not until long after the last flatbush had given up in despair and sought an unaccustomed restaurant on the Manhattan side that all the electric nerves of the terminal were restored and traffic resumed.

The folk from downtown were streaming toward the stairs leading up to the elevated platforms at twenty-five minutes past 3 and every narrow channel leading to the platforms of the rapidly shifting trains was choked a-bloke with humanity when something happened that seemed trivial at first. Just a puff of smoke and a quick blue flash from under the wheels of the last car of a Brighton Beach express train which was moving from the extreme southern platform of the terminal hall, which is built out over Park row, over the "crossover" and onto what is known in the parlance of the bridge switchmen as the "white line" eastbound track in the body of the elevated building. With the flash came the familiar report that follows the blowing out of a fuse. A whitish brown cloud of smoke lifted from beneath the trucks of the last Brighton Beach car and as the train came to a stop opposite the easterly platform on the southernmost tier of tracks all of the crowded passengers within craned necks out of open windows to see what had happened.

Still nothing unusual occurred. Motor-man Frank Hellum of the Brighton Beach express switched his power on and off in ineffectual attempts at starting, each surge of the current being marked by another explosion and another puff of smoke. Then two or three minutes after the initial accident to the outgoing train a long blue sheet of flame broad as the breadth of a fuse, jumped out of the little window up in the switch tower above the tracks on the north side of the train concourse. There was a sharp snapping as if some heavy skyrocket had burst and a shower of sparks instead of taking its flight upward.

After the blue flame had darted out and back again every one looked up to the switch tower and there they saw a tiny point of dull red glow. Outlined against the light was the figure of Johnnie Walker, the towerman, flitting back and forth and making his hands go like those of a juggler at a loom. A yell sounded down on the north concourse where William Thompson, one of the auxiliary motor-men, saw the smoke and ran back and forth over the tracks and onto the perpendicular ladder that runs up from the base of the switch tower to the top of the terminal hall. There was a wicker bed lounge that was wedged up from the base of wires within and billows of black smoke, acrid with the smell of burnt rubber, mushroomed up to the roof of the terminal structure and out against the sky.

As the tracks, careless of the black smoke, came George Callahan, the station electrician, and Harry Thompson, one of the B. R. T. men stationed at the terminal in the capacity of "main tender." Both had raced down from the main signal tower that hangs over the south side of the terminal tracks at the eastern end of the terminal.

As they were about to mount the stairs leading up to the switch tower the electric flash that had spurred the runaway power of all the six third rails at the terminal whirled into action at once. Cracking blue streaks jumped backward from half a dozen points within the dark hut. There was a wicked blue tongue that wavered up from the base of wires within and billows of black smoke, acrid with the smell of burnt rubber, mushroomed up to the roof of the terminal structure and out against the sky.

One man screamed shrilly from the base of the stairs, where passengers were crowded waiting for the Fulton street train. There was a wailing movement toward the long block of humanity who were nearest the stairs were turned back. The route began right there. It spread to the side aisles crowded with people whose destination was the lower corners of Brooklyn; they turned backward to stream down the stairways. Then at the sliding gates could not be closed quickly enough and some were squeezed against the gratings.

PRENDERGAST SAYS NO.

Doesn't Want to Be Nominated for Governor Wants to Stay Here.

Comptroller Prendergast, who according to reports which have drifted from Oyster Bay is one of the men favored by Mr. Roosevelt for Governor, does not want the nomination. "I am not a candidate for the nomination," Mr. Prendergast said yesterday. "My only desire is to remain in this office as Comptroller until the end of my term. I have planned many reforms for the government of this office and for the rearrangement of the methods under which the Finance Department is conducted, and as yet, although I have made some improvements, I have only just begun to scratch the surface, and I wish to remain here until I can carry out the plans I have mapped out for myself."

Mr. Prendergast told his friends yesterday that if circumstances should bring the nomination for Governor in his way it would be a natural ambition to accept the nomination, but that if the possibility should arise he would feel called upon to refuse it. Mr. Prendergast told these friends that should he resign the Comptrollership his successor would be selected by Mayor Gaynor, who would of course appoint a Democrat to the office, and that therefore, even though the chance of the Republican nomination for the Governorship might come to him, he would consider it his duty to his party to retain his office.

BLACK JOKE ASSOCIATION.

Certificate of Old Club Found in Gambling Room Starts Investigation.

Assistant District Attorney James Smith said yesterday that he had sent to Albany for a certificate of the charter of the Black Joke Benevolent Association, which was incorporated in 1889 and was once a political power in New York. The reason for Mr. Smith's action is the discovery of a certificate of incorporation under this title in an alleged gambling club on West Fifth street, which was raided by the police on Monday night.

The original Black Joke organization was established, Mr. Smith said yesterday, about 1880 in conjunction with the Volunteer Hook and Ladder Company located in the neighborhood of Eighth avenue and Forty-ninth street. Like all the organizations made up of vamps it was active in politics. Many prominent men of the time were included in its membership.

Fernando Wood, once Mayor of New York, was president of the club for a time. Big Dick Connolly, at one time County Register for New York, was a member, as was also former State Senator George Washington Plunkitt.

When the Volunteer Fire Department went out of existence the club disbanded and the charter disappeared. Nothing more was heard of it until 1903, when a certificate of the earlier incorporation was obtained from Albany. This, Mr. Smith said, has since been put to various uses, and he was not surprised to learn that it was being used by the alleged gambling club.

The three prisoners taken in the raid were examined and were held in \$1,000 bail each for trial.

ALLOWS MIDDIE TO RESIGN.

Davis Had Been Recommended for Expulsion From Naval Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 13. In spite of the fact that expulsion was recommended by Supt. Bowyer on the ground that he had made false statements the Navy Department has decided to be lenient with Midshipman Newton Davis of Massachusetts, a member of the first class, and has allowed him to resign.

Davis ceased to be a midshipman today.

The offense was committed during the recent cruise and it is alleged that Davis made an untrue statement in regard to the possession of a sextant.

The Department has accepted the resignations of Midshipmen Robert W. Clark of New York and Harold Smith of Alabama, both of which were given on account of physical disability. They graduated from the Naval Academy last June.

Clark is an amateur actor of note and it is understood that he will enter upon a stage career.

PECK TO AMEND ANSWER.

Allowed to Charge Unchastity in Defense of Miss Quinn's Suit.

BENNETT DEFEATS OLCOTT

H. W. MACK TO RETIRE FROM THE STATE COMMITTEE.

Bennett Retains Leadership of the Fifteenth District and Will Probably Be Nominated for Congress—Bennett's Defeat Plurality is 180. Vote Was 7,104.

Congressman J. Van Vechten Olcott lost his fight against Assemblyman William M. Bennett in yesterday's primaries. Mr. Bennett retains his leadership of the Fifteenth Assembly district, captures the district's sixty-nine votes in the Congress convention to be held on next Tuesday and will send to the Saratoga convention delegates unimpaired in the matter of direct primaries or the Roosevelt-Sherman fight for temporary chairman.

Congressman Olcott's figures on the result of the contest in the Fifteenth Assembly district showed that Assemblyman Bennett had beaten John H. Taylor by 180 votes for executive member of the county committee. Mr. Bennett claimed one more vote in his plurality, putting the total at 180. There were 7,104 votes cast.

As the result of their success at the primaries Mr. Bennett's friends were asserting last night that Mr. Bennett will be nominated for Congress next Tuesday, retiring Congressman Olcott. He needs twelve votes in addition to the sixty-nine of the Fifteenth Assembly district and he expects to get them from the parts of the Eleventh, Thirteenth, Seventeenth and Twenty-ninth Assembly districts which will be represented in the Congressional convention. The Eleventh will send 8 delegates, the Thirteenth, 8; the Seventeenth, 45, and the Twenty-ninth, 17.

Assemblyman Bennett's victory means the retirement of Harry W. Mack from the State committee. Mr. Mack voted against Vice-President James S. Sherman when the State committee met to name a temporary chairman for the Saratoga convention. The outcome will result also in the sending of a divided delegation to the State convention from Manhattan.

In the other Republican contests the old leaders were generally successful.

In the Twenty-sixth Assembly district Samuel Krulwich defeated Philip Silverman easily, receiving 588 votes to Silverman's 282.

In the Fifth Assembly district James T. Hackett beat Albert Piercy by 732 to 160.

In the Fourth Assembly district Alexander Wolf was reelected leader by 278, getting 354 votes to Nathaniel Greenbaum's 80.

There was a turnover in the First Assembly district. William G. Rose losing his leadership to the contestant, Hugo Nowak. Rose got 563 votes, while Nowak received 678.

In the Eighteenth Assembly district the old leader, Joseph Nejedley, defeated the contestant, David Steckler, getting 648 to Steckler's 212.

Edward H. Healy, in the Twenty-third Assembly district, retained his leadership. He received 470 votes to Albert Simonds's 189.

There were six contests for Tammany leadership. All of the old leaders were reelected except Francis J. Lantry in the Sixteenth Assembly district. The veteran Lantry was opposed by Leader Murphy. Mr. Murphy sent into the district a young man, Edward S. Boyle, and ran him against Lantry. Boyle won hands down. He got 1,550 votes to Lantry's 868.

Charles W. Cullen retained the leadership of the Fifth Assembly district by beating John T. Eagleton, 2,475 to 983.

In the Thirteenth Assembly district John F. Garry had little trouble defeating Francis Foughlin. He received 1,984 votes, Foughlin 533.

Michael J. Cruise got about six votes to Edward T. Grady's one in the Fourteenth Assembly district. The vote was Cruise, 2,128; Grady, 305.

James Ahearn remains leader of the Nineteenth Assembly district. He received 1,077 votes, the contestant, John J. Hines, 809.

William E. Morris was reelected leader of the Thirty-fifth Assembly district after a lively contest with Edward W. Handy. Morris's vote was 2,937; Handy's, 1,964.

Details of the primaries in Brooklyn, where Woodruff was successful, and of those in Queens, where Cassidy defeated his opponent, will be found on the second page.

AIR SCOUTING A HIGH ART.

Practice and Good Weather Essential to Success—French Army Experiences.

Special Case Discussed to THE SUN. PARIS, Sept. 13. Gen. Picquart, commanding the Second Army Corps, was enabled to take the offensive in to-day's maneuvers, thanks to aerial scouting, although the operations of yesterday had left him in an inferior position.

Adjutant Menard and Lieut. Sido left Poix in an aeroplane at 6 o'clock in the morning and returned at 7:30 o'clock, having covered forty miles of the positions held by the Third Corps. They reported in detail that they had observed three squadrons of chasseurs at Thieuloy, a brigade of infantry, and artillery parked near Fennequiers. Two companies were taking up advance positions 1,300 yards north of Fennequiers, and an attacking column in a ravine at Aynieres.

The information gathered by the aviators showed Gen. Picquart that the enemy's left was uncovered, and this knowledge enabled him to attack the left and recover the positions he lost the day before.

CALLS MRS. EDDY TO COURT.

She is Wanted as a Witness in an Auto Tire Stealing Case.

Boston, Sept. 13.—Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy is to be summoned to appear in the municipal court one week from to-day at 9 o'clock. She is wanted as a witness.

The subpoena was issued to-day by Judge Wentworth. The case in which Mrs. Eddy is involved is that against Fred E. King, who was arrested last night on the charge of receiving five stolen automobile tires. One of these was taken from Mrs. Eddy's machine while it was standing in front of the Christian Science Church. The other tires were taken from Wilson Oursch, an automobile dealer at Grove Hall, Dorchester. In all the property is valued at \$285.

The tires were stolen during the last two months and it is thought that the thefts were committed by four young men who were arrested early Saturday morning on the charge of stealing two tires from the machine of Joseph H. McManus as it was standing at Massachusetts avenue and Falmouth street. They are waiting trial in the lower court.

When arraigned in court to-day King pleaded not guilty and his case was continued for a week in order that Mrs. Eddy and Oursch could be called to testify. The bail was placed at \$500. King is 25 years of age, lives at 472 Massachusetts avenue and is employed in a garage at Tremont and Northampton streets.

KELOGG FOR BOWERS PLACE.

Former Government Trust Buster May Be Solicitor-General.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—While President Taft is understood not to have begun the serious consideration of a successor to the late Solicitor-General, Lloyd C. Bowers, it was reported here to-day that the name of Frank B. Kellogg, former Government trust buster, may have the place. Mr. Kellogg stands high in the estimation of the President and has handled some of the most important Government anti-trust suits, including that against the Standard Oil Company.

It is understood here that the President would like to appoint a man from the Middle West. Mr. Bowers came from that country, and Mr. Kellogg is from St. Paul.

COVER NAUGHTY PICTURES.

Inmates of Old Ladies' Home Object to Girl Show Posters.

WILKESBARRE, Sept. 13. Three women of the Old Ladies' Home of this city constituted themselves to-day an effective committee for the obliteration of what they deemed offensive theatrical posters on a big billboard posted to the home.

They saw bills posted bearing pictures of burlesque shows in the night. It aroused much indignation and finally three of them prepared strips of white paper and paste and arranged to cover the parts of the pictures which offended them. Two of them held a chair steady while the third climbed and pasted white paper over the figures of the girls until their exposed limbs were covered. Then they retired and viewed their work with satisfaction.

BACK TO THE FARM FOR TERRY.

Ten Days of Renewed Life on Stock Exchange—Sells Sent and Loses \$6,000.

The way in which a taste of the simple life may unthaw a man for the pursuit of the strenuous, is illustrated by the case of Harry L. Terry, formerly the floor representative on the Stock Exchange of Carlisle, Mellick & Co. of 20 Broad street. Mr. Terry after holding a seat on the exchange for several years sold out two years ago and retired to a farm. That was all well enough until Mr. Terry tired, or thought he had, of the early to bed and early to rise system and decided that what he needed was another taste of life nearer Broadway. About two weeks ago he bought the seat relinquished by James A. Patten, the Chicago cotton and wheat speculator, for \$72,000 and plunged at once into the thick of the financial fight.

Mr. Terry stood the excitement for ten days and then finding that his health was suffering from the change, he fainted on the floor one day. He gave it up and went back to the farm. His seat was sold to W. W. Pell for \$60,000 and Mr. Pell, it was announced yesterday, will in the future be the floor representative of Carlisle, Mellick & Co.

AERO BEATS AUTO.

Harry Harkness in Monoplane Victor in Race at Hempstead.

HARRY HARKNESS in his new Antares monoplane raced with an automobile at the Hempstead Plain aviation field at dusk last evening. Harkness made several straightaways about ten feet from the ground, and in order to test the speed of his machine on the last flight raced with an auto and easily came out winner.

Ted Schreiber and Walter Fairchild were on the field at the same time. Schreiber was flying at a height of about 100 feet and Fairchild was confining his efforts to the ground.

Schreiber and Joe Seymour were in the air at 5 o'clock in the morning and played hide and seek in a fog that was so dense that the aviators kept at a point of safety by the whirling of the motors. The two aviators were up an hour at different times. Seymour said he was so blinded by the mist that it was with difficulty that he maintained his bearings.

SHOT MAN WHO TOLD.

Thief Had Warned His Victim Not to Appeal to Police.

A man who is said by the police to be a brother of Johnny Spanish, the notorious East Side gang leader, but who describes himself as Joseph Friedman, 24 years old, of 372 East Eleventh street, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Horton and Fitzpatrick. Friedman is a saloon keeper of 31 North Park street, charges the prisoner with felonious assault.

Two months ago, says Pomeranz, Friedman entered his saloon, held him up with a revolver and robbed him of some money, a diamond stickpin and diamond cuff buttons. Two days later the saloon keeper received by mail pawn tickets for the jewelry and a warning not to complain to the police.

GOWNS IN ROOMMATE'S TRUNKS.

ARREST OF BOSTON MILLINER MAY REVEAL A PLOT.

O. J. Gude's Daughter Didn't Know She Was Helping a Smuggler in Bringing in Durable Dresses for Mrs. Mary A. Dolan—Case Too Big to Talk About.

A florid, middle aged woman whose composure was unruffled by the inquisition of the first inspector who peeped into her eight trunks on the pier of the North German Lloyd liner Kronprinzessin Cecilie and all the subsequent investigators of the customs service, including Surveyor Henry, was held on a charge of wholesale smuggling by United States Commissioner Russ in Hoboken last evening. Mrs. Dolan had been examined and cross-examined since early in the morning and she refused to divulge anything implicating anybody in what the customs men believe to be a smuggling plot only a little less extensive than the celebrated sleeper trunk conspiracy to get in durable dress-making goods.

The importable lady is Mrs. Mary A. Dolan, who arrived in the first cabin of the Kronprinzessin Cecilie, in yesterday from Bremen, Southampton and Cherbourg. She is an expert of Driscoll & Co., Boston milliners, mentioned in connection with the sleeper trunk cases.

Surveyor Henry and his special deputy, George J. Smyth, believe that the arrest of Mrs. Dolan will knock out a smuggling game that has been going on for several months. Her eight trunks were well filled with durable Parisian gowns, but she was wise enough to bring in some of the best of her purchases in the trunks of a young woman, Miss Nanette Gude, daughter of O. J. Gude, the advertising man, who happened to be a roommate. It was Miss Gude had no intention of doing harm, but was persuaded by the persuasive Boston modiste to put into her three trunks a lot of fine dresses.

It was nearly 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Miss Gude was permitted to leave the Custom House with her attorney and when Mrs. Dolan was arrested and taken back to Hoboken in charge of Deputy Surveyor Norwood. None of the Surveyor's staff would tell exactly what they hoped to find after they had completed the investigation. They said it would interfere with the prosecution of Mrs. Dolan and probably the arrest of other conspirators. Commissioner Russ had been asked to hold open his office until the arrival of Mrs. Dolan. He also was mum in regard to details.

Customs Inspector Ignatz Rosenberg was the nominal complainant, and Mr. Norwood backed him up. The charge was smuggling, and Mrs. Dolan was held in \$1,500 bail for examination to-day. Mr. Norwood said the case was important and that he had received instructions to say nothing about it.

Mrs. Dolan was met at the pier by her niece, Miss Josephine Mahoney, who recently arrived from Europe with a lot of hobble skirts which she had bought on the other side and which she declared that she had acquired here and had altered abroad. The skirts were confiscated.

The customs men wanted it clearly understood that Miss Gude was in no manner involved criminally. Each woman made a separate declaration, and it did not develop until some time after the inspectors and deputy surveyors had started working on the case that they had occupied the same cabin.

ELOPING GIRL KILLS HERSELF.

Police Chief Appeared to Arrest Her and Young Man Only Thirteen.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Ethel Pierce, 13 years old, of Chester, Pa., killed herself this afternoon about 5 o'clock as Chief of Police Goods of Alexandria, Va., stepped into a hotel room to take her into custody and to arrest William Firth, Jr., aged 27, with whom she had eloped from her home. She died late in the evening.

Firth, who is said to be a railway employee at Chester, Pa., and the girl arrived at Alexandria, which is about eight miles from Washington, on the 10 o'clock electric train this afternoon. They went to the Hotel Hamer and registered. The Alexandria police had been on the lookout for the couple, having been requested by the Washington police to examine all Southern trains for them.

When Goods heard of the couple he went to the hotel and knocked at the door of the room which they occupied. Firth opened the door, and after a few words acknowledged his identity. Immediately the girl, who was standing behind the door, shot herself through the temple with a 32 calibre revolver.

Chief of Police Pierce of Chester sent out word earlier that Firth had purchased tickets for Nashville, Tenn. The Washington police kept a watch on the Union Station all day, but the couple eluded them and went to Alexandria. They were to leave to-morrow morning for Nashville.

The girl was large for her age. She was well dressed. Firth is held on a charge of abduction.

STOLE \$30,000 WORTH OF SILK.

Thieves Confess and Inform on Man Who Received Loot.

Harold Harris of 257 East 122d street and Nathaniel Spellman of 16 East Ninety-seventh street were arraigned in Judge Rosalby's part of General Sessions yesterday charged with stealing ten rolls of silk worth \$30,000 from J. R. Simon & Co., silk merchants at 19 Greene street, on August 12 last. Isidor Miller, a shoe dealer living at Park avenue and 103d street, was charged with having received the stolen property.

According to Assistant District Attorney Nott, J. R. Simon discovered the theft and the goods were traced to Harris and Spellman. Harris and Spellman, who were employees, told him that they took it and sold it to Miller, who, they said, paid them \$2 for rolls that were worth from \$30 to \$60. They were Grand Jury witnesses against Miller.

Harris and Spellman pleaded not guilty yesterday and were released in \$1,000 bail each. Miller will plead to-day. It has been arranged for him to give bail in the sum of \$5,000.

INSURGENTS PROBABLY WIN.

Voting in Washington Primary Seems to Indicate Regular Defeat.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 13.—The voting in the primary election to-day indicates an insurgent victory.

The Republican vote is very heavy and the Democratic vote less than 10 per cent. of the total, which means that the Democrats have called for Republican ballots and voted for the insurgent candidates.

The fight has centered against Judge Thomas Burke, once a Democrat, but now the leading regular Republican candidate for Senator, and W. E. Humphrey, Representative in Congress from the First Washington district.

The Democrats voted to-day with the insurgents solely to defeat these two men. The polls closed at 8 P. M., which is 11 o'clock Eastern time.

Pointdexter, now Representative from the Third Washington district, is the one insurgent candidate. There are four other regulars in the contest besides Burke. There are also three regulars and two insurgent candidates for Humphrey's seat.

Pointdexter is leading in every county in the State both for first and second choice. Humphrey is getting but few second choice votes, and the insurgent ways will carry Reville through and give him Humphrey's seat.

GOLD CROWDS ASSAY OFFICE.

Importations Make Transfer of \$10,000,000 to Sub-Treasury Voids Necessary.

The Assay Office had become so crowded with the recent importations of gold from London, amounting to about \$15,500,000, that yesterday it held a housecleaning and transferred \$10,000,000 worth of gold to the Sub-Treasury vaults, where it stands credited to the Assay Office and cannot be figured as part of the Sub-Treasury's regular holdings.

The Sub-Treasury, however, has some gold of its own. Assistant United States Treasurer Terry said yesterday that \$152,575,000 is in storage there exclusive of yesterday's addition. This is not a large sum for the Sub-Treasury to have on hand. When Mr. Terry took charge, in March, 1909, he received for \$254,852,760.

The Assay Office needs room just now because of the process of reconstruction going on there. A modern steel structure is to replace the old stone building and the rear of the old place has already been torn out to make way for the new foundations.

LASHES WOMAN CONVICT.

Strap Is Applied 110 Times in Georgia Camp—State to Investigate.

ATLANTA, Sept. 13. Because he administered 110 lashes with a heavy strap to Anne Clare, a young white female convict, Supt. Fanning of the Fulton county woman's convict camp has been summoned for trial before the State Prison Commission.

Fanning admits that he whipped the woman as charged, but says he was authorized to use the lash by Secretary Goodloe Vancney of the prison commission. Vancney denies that Fanning had authority.

Fanning says that he whipped the woman because she aggravated him by her abuse, and that he could only keep her quiet by whipping her. He admits also that he gagged the woman.

There is a State law prohibiting the whipping of white female convicts. The law was passed several years ago following the brutal whipping of Mamie Morris, the so-called "diamond queen," at a State prison farm. The Rev. C. C. Daniel, a city missionary, reported the details of the whipping of Anne Clare at the Atlanta camp. He says she was barbarously punished.

UNCLE JOE'S AUTO.

Won't Have Joe Pay a Tax for It While Visiting This State.

ALBANY, Sept. 13. Speaker Joe Cannon has written from his Danville, Ill., home to Secretary of State Keogh asking if it is necessary for him to have a New York State automobile registration number during the two weeks he expects to be here this fall. Speaker Cannon does not indicate whether his fifteen days stay in this State is to be spent on a pleasure tour or in political campaigning. Secretary Keogh has notified Speaker Cannon that for the limited time he will be here he need not pay a tax.

HINCK IN MONTCLAIR.

Looks as if Midway Wouldn't Be Republican Nominee for Mayor.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Sept. 13. The incomplete returns from the Republican primary for the Mayorality show that Erman G. Ridgway, the publisher, is running behind Ernest C. Hinck, the strongest of the four candidates for the nomination. The vote is fairly close, but it is believed that Hinck is victorious.

Results here of the Assembly contests show that the progressives are making a very strong showing.

W. R. GARRISON DIDN'T APPEAR.

Was to Be Examined in Supplementary Proceedings Over Wife's Gowns.

MERCANTILE BANK

LOSES \$150,000?

District Attorney's Office Asked to Take Up the Matter.

ACCUSED MAN IS WATCHED

Cash Said to Have Been Secured Through Securities Not Satisfactory.

An investigation said to have been requested by officers of the Mercantile National Bank of 193 Broadway was begun in the District Attorney's office yesterday into transactions that are thought to have cost the institution a sum in the neighborhood of \$150,000 in cash.

The story that a bank had lost a large amount of money leaked out in the Criminal Courts Building after the District Attorney's visitors had gone. Mr. Whitman declined flatly to answer questions regarding his callers. He would not say who they were nor whether they represented a financial institution.

"There is in progress an investigation, but it is not in such shape that I can talk about it," is all he would say.

It was understood from an unofficial source that the loss occurred through a man whose dealings with the bank are under severe scrutiny. It was said that the man is not an officer or employee of the institution that has started the inquiry, but an outsider who borrowed through the regular course of business. The money, it was alleged, probably was obtained by means either of securities of doubtful authenticity or a commercial rating fraudulently obtained. One transaction alone was mentioned amounting to \$57,000.

It was also said that before the investigation is ended other banks—probably three—would figure as heavy losers through the same man.

The man in question was in the District Attorney's office during the afternoon, according to the information, and made a statement in the presence of the bank officials. The fact that he was not arrested indicates that the complainants themselves were not absolutely sure that their disquieting client had come in contact with the criminal law.

The man was followed out of the Criminal Courts Building by detectives to an uptown hotel, where the detectives sat down to see that he didn't leave the jurisdiction. He was thus to every intent, and purpose a prisoner, but the detectives didn't expect to make an actual arrest. They were still on the job late last night.

The officials of the complaining bank were desirous of a peep into their customer's private books and papers for corroboration of the statement he is said to have made at the District Attorney's office. Developments of an important character are expected in the case to-day.

Willis G. Nash, president of the Mercantile National Bank, over the telephone last night confirmed the statement that the District Attorney was making an investigation in the interest of his bank.

"The matter is in the hands of the District Attorney," said Mr. Nash. "I do not care to do or say anything that might interfere with his plans."

When Emil Klein, cashier of the bank, was told of the amount the bank was credited with losing and the manner in which the money was supposed to be extracted from the cashier's desk, he said:

"You are wrong about the amount, and I may add that you are wrong about the method."

DECISION AGAINST GOE